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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A liquid crystal device comprising a first cell wall and a 1. (Twice amended) second cell wall enclosing a layer of liquid crystal material;

electrodes for applying an electric field across at least some of the liquid crystal material; and

a surface alignment structure on the inner surface of at least the first cell wall providing a desired alignment to molecules of the liquid crystal material, wherein the said surface alignment structure comprises one of a random or